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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of post offices in urban, rural and tribal areas of the country equipped with E-mail, Internet and computer facilities;

(b) whether the Government proposes to provide said facilities in all important post offices in rural and tribal areas in a certain time limit;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has prepared any time bound programme to provide computer facilities to rest of the post offices of the country;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) The break up of availability of computer and Internet facility in Post offices, area wise is given in the table below.

	No. of Post offices in Urban area	No. of Post Offices in Rural area	No. of Post offices in Tribal area
Computer Facility	5860	2499	549
Internet Facility	3758	1153	257

All Post offices having Internet connectivity are capable of receiving e-mail.

(b)&(c) A proposal to provide computer facilities in remaining Departmental Post offices has been submitted to Planning Commission.

(d)&(e) As stated in (b) & (c) the proposal for computerisation of Post offices for XI plan has been submitted to Planning Commission. The computerisation of Post offices is an ongoing process, subject to approval of the proposal submitted to Planning Commission.

(f) Does not arise in view of (d) & (e) above.